

August 25, 1942.

Mr. Ernest Wright,
1331 Holland St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I received a call from Counsellor Hartgrove yesterday, asking me to have the Chairman of each League send a telegram to Senator William H. Smathers, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C. thanking him for his cooperation in our problem, and in the same wire, quote him the figures of the amount of money the Army-Navy Relief realized from our benefit game. If you have not send the statements out as yet, I would appreciate your doing so right away, as I believe Counsellor Hartgrove plans to use the telegrams at his next Meeting with the State Department, which is scheduled to take place very shortly.

I hope you and The Yankees have gotten your schedule all arranged from the 5th on to the 11th. Mitchell said he had sent you one telegram, saying he would stay with you from the 7th on, but he followed it with another one, saying he would stay with you from the 5th on. I hope the two wires did not cause any confusion of misunderstanding. It would have looked very bad to have one of the League teams playing in Dexter Park, with two of the teams playing at Ebbets Field. I am very glad you were able to use them.

Please take care of the Benefit game statement right away. I will greatly appreciate your cooperation on this, as it is very important to me that Counsellor Hartgrove do a good job.

Very truly yours,

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